June 27, 2010 Morning Highlights 11:00 a.m.

Contacts

Fire Information: (907) 356-5511

Report Fires: Call 911 or (800) 237-3633

2 NEW FIRES

Hot Spring Resort Fire (.1 acres): A Division of Forestry engine responded and remained on scene to a structure fire at Chena Hot Springs until the threat to the wildlands subsided. The fire was placed in monitor status. Minimal wildlands involved.

KD Range 1 Fire (.1 acres): Alaska Fire Service personnel reported smoke coming from the Small Arms Range. Range control was called and reported the fire as smoldering in grass and tundra on the KD Range. Fire is in monitor status.

6 STAFFED FIRES







The 6400-acre Pat Creek Fire (photos taken from jump ship on 6/25) Photos: Bill Cramer, BLM Alaska Fire Service

PAT CREEK FIRE (6300 acres): Located 12 miles northeast of Stevens Village, 165 personnel. The fire was extremely active with running and crowning fire behavior. Six crews were mobilized and a staging area in Stevens Village was established. Resources continued direct attack on the southern perimeter utilizing water handling equipment. The fire received 6 loads of retardant and continuous drops by CL-215s for the duration of the burning period with bucket support from helicopters. The fire size has increased by 5975 acres. The primary focus will be on structure and allotment protection.

LOUIE CREEK FIRE (2400 acres): The western anchor and northern line held today, although significant growth towards the southeast doubled the acreage. Five crews are assigned. Numerous allotments are threatened.

GOLDBUG FIRE (2777 acres): Fire behavior decreased in the afternoon due to increased relative humidity. Personnel got around the fire and there are no visible smokes along the perimeter.

UNCLE SAM FIRE (2 acres): The Minto crew continues mop-up operations of the fire area.

TOKLAT 2 FIRE (188,807 acres): Fire continues to burn in unburned interior pockets. Firefighters are utilizing natural barriers for a possible firing operation to reduce fire spread to the south.

WILLOW CREEK (2154 acres): Fire activity was reported as creeping and smoldering with a small run to the north and interior pockets burning out. For current maps and photos visit: http://inciweb.org/incident/2000/.

Fire Summary

According to AICC, 93 fires are active statewide and 9 fires are staffed statewide. For more information about new and existing fires visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf. So far this year, 458 fires have burned 890,985 acres statewide. For a map of statewide fires visit: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsycs/maps.php.

Wildland Fire Smoke Information

Learn more about wildland fire smoke and air quality from the following websites:

- AK Department of Environmental Conservation smoke information: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smokemain.htm
- AK Department of Environmental Conservation Air Quality Advisories/Alerts: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/aq_sr.htm
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Smoke Visibility/Air Quality: http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality and http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/Docs/ParticulateLevels.pdf

Aviation Awareness

There is currently a TFR over the Pat Creek Fire near Stevens Village. Pilots are advised to check NOTAMS. Check http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html for Temporary Flight Restrictions. Pilots can report new fires to the nearest FSS or ATC facility. Please keep airspace safe by staying 5 nautical miles away from ALL wildland fires as there may be fire aircraft working in the area.

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/
 - o Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
 - National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
 - O Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/ http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/ http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/ http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/ Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf
- Alaska Division of Forestry (**Burn Permit** Info): http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php
- Search for "Rural Alaska Fire Prevention Video" www.youtube.com
- Protect your home and property!: http://firewise.org/ and http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov/
- National Parks Service: http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
 - o Denali:http://www.nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm
 - O Yukon-Charley: http://www.nps.gov/yuch/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm
 - o Gates of the Arctic: http://www.nps.gov/gaar/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm
 - o Noatak National Preserve: http://www.nps.gov/noat/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov/
- InciWeb http://www.inciweb.org/

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